

LIFE OF MONTY

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#57

no fancy letters - I'm saving them
for next issue

Boy, I bet you don't recognize DIPLOMACY WORLD in its new format, do you? Well, that's because DW doesn't have a new format, and this is just another LIFE OF MONTY, by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692 (international country telephone code 1). There's a lot of news and comment, so let's get right to....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by - well, this space is available for reasonable rates....

WHERE'S ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER? For that matter, WHERE'S THE GENERAL? I assume the latter is late because of the necessity of using the four-color plate process in the former. Or perhaps they're preparing the warnings that my name appears (at least) TWICE in the issue - as an article writer & a contest winner.

DIPLOMACY WORLD "NUMBER 40!" - it's a fake. Bruce Linsey has admitted to doing it, and he says he did it as a joke. I suppose the German invasion of Poland was a joke as well - they're both attacks which failed attempts to be disguised. (The day before the invasion, German troops dressed as Polish troops "attacked" a radio station on the border in Germany, so the Germans entered Poland "in defense" the next day.)

SIMON BILLENNESS has taken over as editor of the Zine Register. Roy Henricks remains as publisher. Simon was the publisher of 20 YEARS ON, the British version of the ZR; like 20YO, the ZR will now be published more than once a year, which is just what we need, considering the amount of movement - for example, Mark Matuschak's "gypay camp". Also, all trades for 20YO go to the "Zine Bank", which allows novices to receive a large number of 'zines for a large envelope and \$1 or so in postage.

DIPLOMACY WORLD - the REAL one - is OUT OF MONEY! Shades of SAT? Well, Larry Peary has "taken over" DW, and has given three options. Two involve folding and refunds of less than 100%; the third involves all current subs (except the most recent ones) being "forgiven" (i.e. wiped out) and donations being solicited to rebuild DW's capital base. At least the subscribers have a choice this time!

The monster is back! Victory Games - the company that brought you DOCTOR RUTH'S GAME OF GOOD SEX - is about to release PACIFIC WAR, a 2-map, 2400-counter WWII Pacific game. Shades of WAR IN THE PACIFIC - given the map size, shades of THE RISING SUN is more like it! One drawback: the price - \$45. (ASL sells for \$40, but that includes future rules supplements and errata, as well as a binder to hold the rules sheets. The ASL maps/counters/scenarios, "Volume I" (German/Russian), sell for \$40; the "Deluxe ASL" extra-large-hex mapboards and other items sell for \$20, not including miniatures (by GHQ).

Well, THE GENERAL finally arrived, and my article did appear (thank you, thank you). I'm still waiting for ASL as of this date; the phone-order operator at ASL says "November". Let's see 25 HOURS A DAY, 8 DAYS A WEEK effort until ASL reaches my hands! (If the Beatles can do it....)

John Caruso has told me that he is NOT accepting new subscribers for WHITESTONIA/KATHY'S KORNER. Sorry for any misconceptions from last issue's plug... (is this better, John?)

By the way... issue prices vary (55¢ is about average), so send loads of money when you subscribe.

Well, we have a couple of interesting letters this month - however, the first writer wishes to remain anonymous....

I just got LIFE OF MONTY 56, and there are a few things I'd like to comment about. First of all, why can't letter writers learn to end sentences without prepositions?

More importantly, you CLAIM that there is "NO REASON AT ALL to question the Runestone Poll". I, for one, would like to know how the pollster chose who to call. There happen to be more names in the EBB or either Census than in the poll - obviously, he didn't call everyone, did he? What lists did he use, may I ask? ON TOP of that, you claim that persons not voting in the poll have no right to complain, and yet you question the results of Terry Tallman's poll, which, I take it, you DIDN'T vote in!

((I'd like to comment on that: I did NOT decide entirely on my own accord not to vote in the Tallman poll. W/KK had a note saying that I was not supposed to vote in the Tallman and Runestone polls. And sorry about calling it the Tallman Poll - what is its correct name?))

I don't care WHAT excuses you come up with! To think that someone like YOU actually has the NERVE to apply for the position of BNC once Bill Quinn leaves!

((Wait a minute - how did he know that?))

Now that the hobby is divided, it's time to conquer. The program is being executed at this moment. We will gain universal domination!

***** Excuse me, but there's someone at the door....what is this, a Christmas present? Large economy size salt and pepper shakers? Of course not....cement traffic diverters? With a laser sticking out? That leaves -

"EX-TER-MI-NATE! EX-TER-MI-NATE!"

DALEKS, naturally. "EXTERMINATE THE DIPPER!" Now, how would the Doctor get out of this one? The Doctor? Hey, Doctor, over here!

"DOCTOR? WHERE? EXTERMINATE THE DOCTOR!" And, as the aliens roll slowly into the sunset....by the way, I have applied for the soon-to-be-vacant BNC post, insofar as I was the only person I could come up with at the time....

~~-REAL-LETTERS-REAL-LETTERS-REAL-LETTERS-REAL-LETTERS-REAL-LETTERS-REAL-LETTERS-REAL~~

OK, now with a REAL letter is Bruce Linsey.....

Caruso is correct in stating that POLITESSE was turned over to Ken Peel some time ago, but he is wrong to characterize FEUDESSE as not dealing mostly with the feud. To anyone who has read FEUDESSE, such a description is 100% misleading; in fact, it deals almost exclusively with the feud. I'm not being judgmental in saying so, either, as I freely admit that 'zines such as VD and MFA deal (dealt) with the feud too, though at least they had other reasons for existence.

Caruso's claim that only one of the top 30 finishers in the Zine Poll is anti-Linsey is also in error. Aside from MAGUS, we have PERELANDRA in seventh place and THE INNER LIGHT in fourteenth. Both publishers participated in the Poll boycott this year, and Sherwood refused my sub check, publically ridiculing me at the same time. Gaughan, meanwhile, has taken to printing false statements about me (e.g. regarding the Highfield episode and the Runestone Poll) - I have taken up that matter in correspondence with him. But the point is that these two zines cannot be accurately regarded as anything but anti-Linsey, any more than FEUDESSE (which I hear may have folded) can be said to not deal with the feud.

***** Well, there was some more to the letter, but it was mainly quoting my comments in the last issue of LOM, as well as a statement that Bruce doesn't agree that he is under any obligation to note in the results which pubbers asked to have their 'zines not counted.

I've been reading PERELANDRA for 2 years - it's hard for me to believe that someone who openly stated that he would not vote in any of the "alternative" polls and who openly supported the ZINE REGISTER can be called "anti-Linsey". Besides, I thought "boycotting the poll" did not mean that they were "anti-Linsey"....

PAGE 3 has a letter: "Q"

A Call to Contain the Great Feud

October 6, 1985

Over the past few weeks, I, and several others, have been talking to the primary feuding parties to see if a general amnesty and cease-fire could be called. We came very close to an agreement, but it fell through because of one or more individuals who ultimately proved unwilling to call a halt to the bloodletting without key concessions from the other side. Thus, it appears that the process will continue with no end in sight.

I strongly believe that so many unexcusable things have been said and done on all sides of the feud that the handful of individuals intent on continuing to propel this process forward do not deserve the kind of vindication they still seek. This complex feud has continued to grow and deepen for one and a half years, and it is now threatening the very organic integrity of DipDom. For those who have lost themselves deep in the feeding frenzy of the feud, I care little. Let them hack off limbs, dismember their own reputation, and continue with name-calling and obscenities in the dark recesses of the hobby, but let all hobiests who are tired of it all take action to contain it.

The combined synergy of our individual actions can have great force. Diplomacy fandom is for gaming, positive creativity, and the joys of simulated lying and deception. Let us reclaim it for ourselves. I urge those who share my views to follow suit, and set off an "ever-widening gyre." These actions can have positive result if enough individuals are also tired and disgusted by the great feud, and if we all keep scrupulously even-handed:

1. Resign from 'zines that give sanctuary to the feud. After this presentation has gained wide circulation, I will procede to resign from any 'zine that remains infected with the feud. I will send a letter for print explaining the reasons for my action, and will enclose a self-addressed post card for notification by the publisher when the editorial policy has changed (so that I may resubscribe). If you play in the 'zine, you might ask to continue the game by flier, or you might move the game elsewhere if the other players share your views on the feud. I will make no statements on the "substance" or personalities of the feud. More feuding does not feuding end; only ending it can end it.

2. Freeze the custodial status of feuders. An "honorable" feuder will assign a temporary substitute for important custodial projects, rather than allow his or her continued involvement in the great feud to harm the projects by osmosis. If a person formally active in the feud draws back and ceases participation, that person ought to retain his or her position (despite the rantings of those who choose to continue). This is a process that should be encouraged. If a feuder refuses to voluntarily withdraw (even temporarily while the feud plays out), I believe that the establishment of duplicative services or projects would be preferable to continued sole custodianship by a feuder.

This great feud is a holocaust of a different nature than the simple feuds of the past, save perhaps the Boardman/Walker feud of many years ago that literally split the hobby. Let's not let that happen to us again. It is time to move forward and reclaim control of our own destiny.

Very sincerely,
Ken Peel

You heard him - no more feuding, at least not in this 'zine (for the moment, anyway). That includes the subzines - anything found objectionable by me will be removed and may even be replaced with stanzas of Vagon poetry. I'm supposed to be responsible for what appears in my 'zine.

PAGE 4 will contain the feud =
or will the feud be contained in PAGE 4?

at least as far as this 'zine is concerned. (And at least for the moment, anyway....) No more letters talking about polls or comments about polls, if you don't mind.

I do have a note from Ed Wrobel telling you NOT to send complaints about DIPCON to the address in the last issue, which is the ORIGINS 86 address; send your comments to Ed at 3932 Forestdale Avenue, Dale City, VA 22193. (What that comment in the last issue meant was, if you don't like the MaryCon committee members, nobody is forcing you to go to MaryCon DIPCON to play in a decent Dip tournament.)

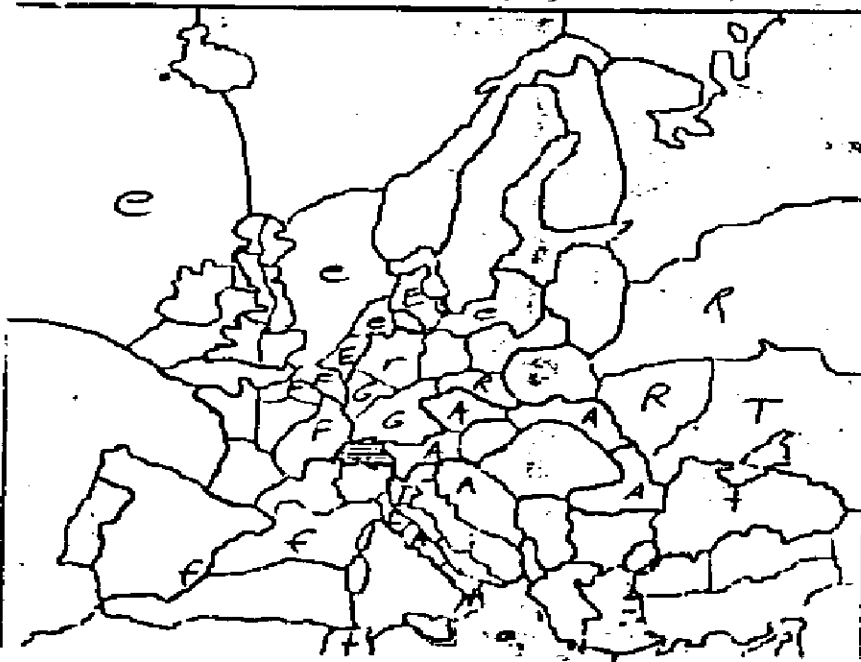
And speaking of Dip, DIPLOMACY WORLD is in trouble. Larry Peary has, from what I've seen, taken "control" of DW, and has listed three options: fold and return all remaining money to the subbers, fold and return all cash and back issues (up to the point of subscriptions), or reorganize through ignoring all current subscriptions (except the most recent ones) and asking for donations to build a working capital. For some reason, the third option - the only "non-folding" one - sounds like what TSR did with S&T. (For those of you who don't know, TSR bought out SPI after SPI went bankrupt, and immediately announced that all past S&T subs - including the lifetime ones - were void.) Why wasn't there a fourth option - let the subbers decide, on an individual basis, whether to "donate" their remaining sub to the "new" DW or to have a portion of it refunded. (Then again, Larry Peary is NOT Gary Gyax.....)

Well, here are the answers to last issue's TV quiz:

1. Portmerion, Wales was the site of "The Village", home of THE PRISONER.
2. Only one show of no more than 60 minutes has been seen by more than 32 million people (at one time) - the "Who Shot J.R.?" episode of DALLAS.
3. There was an American show called THE GOOD LIFE - so the British one is known over here as GOOD NEIGHBORS. (No "u" in "neighbors", despite the fact that it's a British show....)
4. Father Mulcahy is the only M*A*S*H character played by a different actor in the pilot than in the series.
5. ROBYN'S NEST and MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE are the bases for THREE'S A CROWD and THREE'S COMPANY.
6. The state capital on BENSON is in "Capital City".
7. The theme of MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS is "The Liberty Bell" by John Philip Sousa.
8. On DOCTOR WHO, the Doctor can regenerate 12 times, so up to 13 actors can portray him; six have so far, so seven more can.
9. Six people won at least \$64,000 on THE \$128,000 QUESTION.
10. "A Few Minutes With Andy Rooney" (now called "Andy Rooney") was originally "Three Minutes Or So With Andy Rooney".
11. FAULTY TOWERS is in Torquay, Devon, England.
12. T.J. HOOKER takes place in the County of L.C.
13. Of MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS' British male members, two - Michael Palin and Terry Jones - went to Oxford, while the other three went to Cambridge.
14. The longest-running American game show still on the air is THE PRICE IS RIGHT. (WHEEL OF FORTUNE is second.)
15. The four scheduled hosts of SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE that were pre-empted by strikes were Al Franken, Tom Davis (they're Franken & Davis), John Candy, and Eugene Levy (the latter two from SCTV).

16. This is PAGE 5 - nobody answered the quiz, so I keep the issues

Fnord 16.5



We're back...finally.

COA:

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Okay, gang, this is it. The game will be back on schedule, for good this time, with no more delays like that last one. Thanks for your patience.

VERWIRRUNG--1984HK--FALL 1903

Summer retreats:

AUS A Ven r ROM
ENG F Hol r HEL

WARNING - this is NOT the latest season! See the NEXT PAGE →

- AUSTRIA (~~Derwood Bowen~~ Bowen): A TYO S A Tri, A TRI S A Tyo, A Vie-BOH, A ROM H, A GAL S A Rum, A RUM S Turkish A Sev, F Gre-ION
- ENGLAND (Bjornsson): F Nwg-NAT, A Edi-HOL, F NTH C A Edi-Hol, F HEL S A Edi-Hol, F BAL S Russian A Sil-Ber(nso), A DEN S Russian F Kie, A Bel-Ruh(d,ann)
- FRANCE (Sweeney): A Bur-BEL, A PIC S A Bur-Bel, A Par-BUR, F Mar-LYO, F SPA(SC)-Wes
- GERMANY (Budway?): A MUN & A RUM H, F Hol H (d,ann)
- ITALY (Wilson): F ADR, A VEN & A TUS H
- RUSSIA (Gestehr): A MOS & A WAR S A Ukr, A UKR S Austrian A Rum-Sev(nso) A Sil-Mun(nsu), F KIE S English F Nth-Hol(nso)
- TURKEY (Lee): F Ion-NAP, F TUN-Wes, F BLA S A Sev, A SEV S Austrian A Rum.

1903 SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA	Home Ser Gre Rum Tri ROM	7 even
ENGLAND	Home Nwy Den Swe Hol	7 build 1 (1 annihilated)
FRANCE	Home Spa Por BEL	6 build 1
GERMANY	Ber Mun Tri	2 even (1 annihilated)
ITALY	Tri Tri Tri VEN	1 remove 2
RUSSIA	StP Mos War Tri Kie	4 even (1 annihilated)
TURKEY	Home Bul SEV TUN NAP	7 build 3

Deadline is October 18

STANDBY CALLS:

- AUSTRIA: Ken Peel said he didn't want the position. The new Austrian is DERWOOD BOWEN, 4400 Clarkwood Pkwy. #101 Warrensville Heights, OH 1144128
- GERMANY: R.J. Budway has been NMRing out of other games as well as this one. the Standby is JIM FERGUSON, 112 Old English Court, Jupiter FL 33453
- ITALY: If Brad doesn't get moves in, I'll let Italy go CD. He is back at Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045

PRESS:

Rus to WORLD: Without Gary, no ones know what a verwirrunG is?
Rus to WORLD: And no one still cares what a Prius Illumius is. Either!

YOU HAVE IN YOUR SUB: XENOLOGIC
NOTES:

GM error last time:
In last season's report, I listed Russian A Sil as "no such unit", while saying that A War existed; the reverse was true. The correct position was shown on the map. The position was not affected by the error, and Ken caught the mistake, so there's no harm done. My apologies.



Winter 1903:
ENG builds A ION
FRA builds F BRE
ITA removes A TUS, A VEN
TUR NBR! Will play three short

AUSTRIA (Bowen): A Rom-VEN,
A TRI-Alb, F ION-Alb, A Tyo-MUN
A BOH S A Tyo-Mun,
A GAL S A Rum, A RUM S A Gal

ENGLAND (Bjornsson): F Nat-NWC
A Lon-NWY, F NTH C A Lon-Nwy,
A HOL-Ruh, A Den-KIE,
F HEL & F BAL S A Den-Kie

FRANCE (Sweeney): F Bre-MID, F SPA(SC) S F Bre-Mid, F Lyo-WES, A Bel-RUH,
A BUR S A Bel-Ruh, A Pic-BEL
GERMANY (Ferguson): A Nun-Ber (d,ann), A Ruh-Mun (d,ann) ((Hello, goodbye.))
ITALY (Wilson): F ADR-Ion,
RUSSIA (Gestiehr): F Kie-BER, A SIL S F Kie-Ber, A MOS S A UKr, A UKR S A MOS.
TURKEY (Lee?) NMR!: A SEV, F BLA, F NAP, F TUN all HOLD.

PRESS: Mike Ehli, Carlson Box 6384, U of O, Eugene, OR 97403-6031 // (503) 485-9649 ^{Ask for me} _{Room 306-A}
FRANCE to RUSSIA: I know what a Dipus illuminatus is (so sit on a triangle).
PRINUS ILLUMINATUS: Make it a nice, sharp one.

COA for Jim Bjornsson: 7300 Boris Ct. #1, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Standby for Turkey: JOHN CARUSO, 29-10 164th St., Flushing, NY 11358

THEWORLDWASMOVINGSHEWASRIGHTTHEREWITHITANDSHEWASTHEWORLDWASMOVINGSHEWASFLOATIN

Still no Fnord this month. Classes have been hectic and I'm just not feeling very creative lately. Generally things have been going very well, though.

THE SECOND GAME will be bagged for the moment. We'll try again when Ver-wirrung is closer to completion.

Classes, classes. Organic Chemistry(Honors) with lab, General Physics with Calculus plus lab, and Shakespeare to round things out. I could have done worse.

DIPCON: Yes, I was there. Bombed in the Dip tourney, but had a shot at winning the Rail Baron title. You've read the rest elsewhere. I had fun.

Thanks for the #5 rating in the Runestons. I really appreciate it.

Bye for now, and sorry for the small size. You know how it is.

Deadline for **NOVEMBER 21**
Fall 1904

PAGE 7 asks Ehli to pad his pages a bit more

DIP WARZ

If you don't remember where I left off last time, you probably never read DIP WARZ, so why should I bother? (Space filler, of course.) Last time, the Diplomatic Empire launched an attack of FEUILLETONIST'S FORUMS, DIPLOMACY DIGESTS, WHITESTONIA/KKS, Pro Wrestling openings, and the latest secret weapon, RUNESTONE POLL RESULTS, while the Linoleum Falcon was prepared to counter with OFFICIAL DIPLOMACY POLL NEUTRALIZERS.

"Impact in 30 seconds, your everythingness" reported some weapons officer to Lord Sacks Fifthavenue.

"It will be sooner than that," replied Lord Sacks. "The rebels are preparing to launch their ODPNs, and when they react with the EPRs-" Just then, the ODPNs contacted the EPRs; the reaction, augmented by the hot air from Presidential Politics in PF and the breaks in reality from Pro Wrestling, created a hole in the (n plus 3)-dimensional space. (The suction created last time did not repeat itself, since the two universes were now pretty much in balance.)

"There's a hole in the n-plus-3-dimensional space!" declared Princess Luscius.

"OK, so why the multicolored light pulses?" asked John Pole-G.

"Baldo Calberchian, is-"

"Obce-l Caruso, it is NOT reflections from my head! There's a break in n-plus-3 space....through n-plus-4 dimensaions! LLOM, analyze."

"Affirmative, master...."

"And NO imitations of K-9 from DOCTOR WHO, if you don't mind."

"How else can I get my own series? At least K-9 made a pilot. Anyway, possible radiations from THE BOURSE are not out of the question. Send in Rod Seaparter!"

"Did somebody call me? Galactic here, universal bigshot, and all-around good guy?"

"Talk about schizophrenia!" remarks Princess Luscius. "Get down there and bring back THE BOURSE, and no excuses this time!"

"OK...."

While we're waiting for Seaparter to come back, let me say that congratulations are in order for....ME, who just got a \$4000/year raise. Now if John Michalski could do as well....

"OK, I'm back! And here's THE BOURSE!" The light coming from the wooden block was almost blinding, in multicolored splendor.

"Now on to attack the Diplomatic Empire Flagship and declare a Free Hobby! Aim...."

"WAIT A MINUTE!" (translated from "Suthun")

"Garra the Elvi master! What's wrong?"

"That's not the real BOURSE - and that's not the real Seaparter!"

"How do you know that?"

"When he came back - did he ever mention his name, even once?"

"Well, no - wait a minute....if it's NOT Seaparter - let's see who you are!" Off with the Seaparter mask, and...."OM, NO!"

"IM-PER-SON-ATE! IM-PER-SON-ATE!"

It wasn't a mask - it's a form of shapeshifter known as a Tretick. Treticks are capable of transforming into just about anybody - especially at the most inopportune times. Like now - now that they've exposed themselves in open space!

"Use radio waves to home in on the Linoleum Falcon!" orders Lord Sacks Fifthavenue.

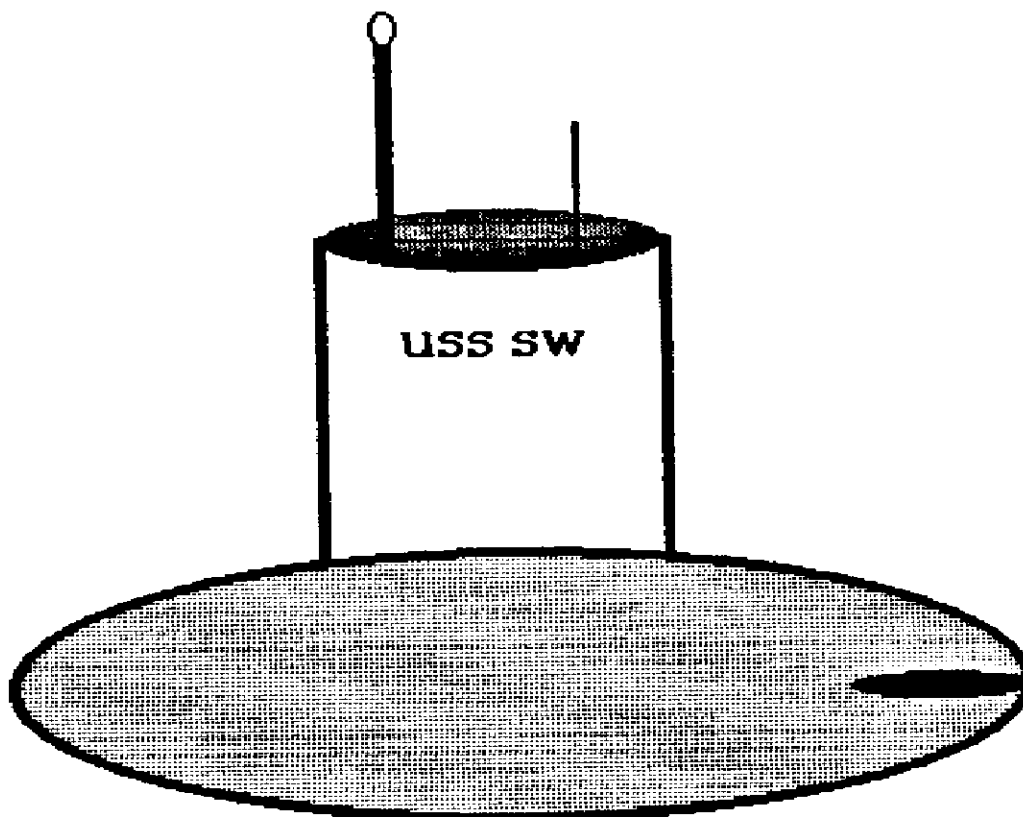
".....and in other news.....have a jelly baby.....the Hitchhiker's Guide says that....."

"THERE! STOP THERE!"

"Next week, for the DIP BOWL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, the CANADIAN CLUB OF DIP will meet the WHITESTONIA INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST, almost LIVE from BIRD - er, uh, WHEELER AUDITORIUM in Berkeley, CA, USA, Sol III, location -0.004, 3.2567, 11.223, zero, plus 1, zero!"

And that's where LOM will be next time, in the UNOFFICIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE. (By that time, the new Christmas stamps will be out....) Remember, only ENVOY has the OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE, even if it comes out in April or so....

PAGE 8 wishes you MERRY XMAS
(unofficially)



SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)
Derwood Bowen

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Hello out there in Submarine readership land once again. I guess I haven't written much lately. I hope that you don't feel too deprived. If you do, sorry. If not, eat my pepperoni! Now, let's see. Where was I? I was sitting in my apartment in front of a Macintosh trying to create something. What was it? Ah, yes. A subzine. Not just any subzine mind you, but SW. And since it is SW, it must be really outstanding drivell! But who among us can recognize outstanding drivell? And can drivell be really outstanding? One final query before moving on: Is outstanind drivell outstanding for being almost good, or for being particularly bad? I leave the readership to deal with that issue, being content to merely present drivell and let the masses decide for themselves whether it is outstanding, and what outstanding is. Some people like cupcakes, while I care not for them. I feel that there is not nor ought there be any finer than that prince of foods-"The Muffin."

I have been running Periscope (the game) by flyer so that even though SW hasn't appeared here recently, the game lives on. I am running the current year here so that anyone interested can follow it.

A brief turn at sports here: The Tigers died (Tom Monaghans team, the Domino's team). As a long time Reds fan, I am pleased with our season. I would like to see them win the pennant, but I didn't expect it this year. I am sorely disappointed at the Bengals to date. Figure out how to stop someone from scoring, please. And as a transplanted Columbusite, Go Bucks! Beat Wisconsin this year so I can give the Mad Lads some shit. Enough already. Let's get on to the next page and some real stuff.

PAGE 10 PRESENTS:

And now, once yet again it is time to play America's favorite diplomacy game, "Let's Stab a Mad Lad." And here's our host, that ever favorite of daytime TV, Deeeeerwoood Bowen!

And thank you very much for that ovation, fans. Today's player is that redoubtable player, Dan Palter. . . . Where is Dan Palter? He's not here. How can you NMR out of a television show? Well, Ghod, what do we do now? Is there a rule to cover this situation?

Well, Derwood, there is indeed a rule for this situation. A standby stabee will be called from our standby list.

OK, Mark. Well, off our standby list we'll call, "Cathy Cunning." Cathy Cunning, come on down. (A loud buzzer sounds at this point.) Yes, Mark, what is it?

Well, as you well know, Cathy is now married to Eric Ozog. And she chose to assume his last name, so she is now Cathy Ozog.

So.

Well, Derwood, there is no Cathy Cunning, and Cathy Ozog is not on the standby list. So she can't participate.

Isn't that being rather picky?

The rules are important, and they are set down in the 2000+ pages of the VOD houserules.

OK,OK. Who is next on the standby list? Let's see, Mark Frueh. Will Mark (BUZZ) What now, Ghod?

As you know, Mark has already been in this series, and can't standby in the same game.

OK. The next name on the standby list is . . . me? I am a standby on my own game show? (Buzz) Yeah, I know, I can't standby in my own game. Let's try another name. How about Jack Masters? (Buzz) Now what?

Jack Masters is out of the hobby, Derwood.

Rod Walker. (Buzz)

Rod doesn't play anymore.

Pete Rose. (Buzz) John Cleese. (Buzz) C'mon, Mark, this is in LIFE OF MONTY.

But you know very well that John Cleese isn't even here.

But no one else is, either.

That's your problem, Derwood, not mine. I just enforce the rules, you must write this thing.

Well, folks. This is your disgruntled game show host saying, we have no contestant today, due to Palter's NMR and a variety of other problems all spelled Mark Berch. So, until next time, may your stabs be lethal. Next month our stabber will be Kathy Byrne.

ALOUSYLETSSTABANADLADALOUSYLETS

Since the game show didn't fill this page, I guess I must. I have just read an interesting book called West of Eden by Harry Harrison. It operates on the interesting proposition that the reptiles did not die out, indeed they evolved to intelligence. The conflict between them and the humans is part of the story, but the pictures of the civilizations he paints are what really make the story. The author has invented a fascinating situation and peopled it with good characters, all of which hold your interest. I suppose it will be labeled as SF, though it is a story about a fictional past history. Labels don't matter much to me, whether it is music or fiction. I don't worry about what class the item belongs to, only whether it is entertaining. This book is entertaining.

And now, the cartoon characters take to the dip board. This issue sees Rocky and friends. (No, not that Rocky. Rocky the Flying Squirrel) Rocky- Not a brilliant player, but a good one. Will occasionally have a very good plan. He will write humorous press. Bullwinkle the Moose- I can't see him being a good player, but I can well imagine his letters being funny. I also expect he will write some of the best unintentional humor in the press. Because of his casual approach to things, he might occasionally NMR.

Boris Badanoff- This bumbling villain will scheme and scheme, but will very seldom pull it off. But even Boris will write funny things in the press.

Professor Peabody- He will probably put some off by his I-am-smarter-than-you attitude. But he will probably prove it. His press will feature dry humor.

Sherman- The perfect toady. Will do what the strongest player tells him to do faithfully. No imagination at all. Take care of him and do well in your dip games with him.

ENOUGHALREADYENOUGHALREADYENOUGHALREADYENOUGH

In June the buffoon played a tune on his bassoon. But the buffoon's bassoon tune offended Antoon, who is a goon. Antoon the goon mooned the buffoon bassoon tune player, who had his concentration ruined. Soon, Antoon the goon boomed the buffoon, ruined his bassoon, and doomed his tune. Maybe the buffoon should have crooned instead.

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Has anyone been paying any attention to the WAR special of PTV? I have watched the first two installments, and found them interesting. The first was just a general history of the evolution of "modern war." It detailed how war evolved from a small activity conducted by small professional armies to an activity involving the entire population of a nation. The whole thing paints a very unattractive picture. How anyone could be aware of these things and ever want there to be another war is beyond me. Yet, there is war being fought right now.

The second episode followed marine recruits at Paris Island. The idea was to show us how an ordinary teenager can be converted into someone who will kill other people. It was interesting, and yet we are assured that the same process is employed in every army in the world, and has been for 300 years.

My own belief is that the next war will be fought in space in the area surrounding the Earth. In the not too distant future, we will have armed soldiers in space. It will all be done in the holy name of national security, seeing as how we rely so heavily on space-borne technology to support our communications world wide. And, of course, the Russkies can't let this happen unopposed, so they'll do the same. I believe that one side could win a war in space, but I wonder what the other would do. No side can win a war too decisively, for the other might feel that their society is threatened with elimination, and use that feeling to justify dropping the megatons on the other. The old "If I can't have it, I'll destroy it so you can't have it, either."

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Fall retreats: England F Denmark R Kiel

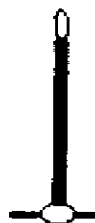
Winter 1903

England builds F Edinburgh, F London

France builds A Paris

Germany NDR GM removes A Picardy

Italy builds F Naples, A Venice



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Spring 1904 Ring Around the Norway!

England: F LON-nth, F edi-NWG, F hol-HEL (F KIE S), F nwy-STP nc(F BAR S)
A bel-RUH, Bjornsson

France: F MAO H, A bre-PIC (A PAR S), A BUR S Eng A bel-ruh Mazzer

Germany: NMR A MUN U, F DEN U, F hel U (dis ANN) Wilson?

Italy: A MAR S Ger A mun-bur(NSO), F gol-SPA sc (F WES S), F pie-GOL,
F gre-ION, A ser-TRI, A ven-PIE (A TYO S), F nap-TYR, Caruso

Russia: A bul-CON (F BLA & A ANK S), F ARM S A ank, F rum-BUL sc,
F swe-NWY, A sto S F swe-nwy (dis ret to Mos, Liv, OTB),
F NTH S F swe-nwy, Olsen

Turkey: NMR A SMY U, A con U (ann)

DEADLINE FOR SUMMER & FALL '04 is Oct. 25, 1985

A couple of things: I am letting Turkey go CD (big deal). I mistakenly stated that Germany would either have a build or no removal. I obviously can't count. England was the only one to point that out to me. However, since Germany NMR'd, I won't replay the season. I needs must name a standby for Germany, so would Dan Stafford @ 58 W 9th Apt E, Columbus, Ohio 43201 please hold the fort for Germany?Thanks.

Press: Olsen-Caruso: Hey wimp, what are you doing reading my press before the deadline? (I'm feeding it to him, of course, so he can scoop you.) Trying to steal some good ideas or what?

London-Rome: Q. What does the bear do after eating the Turkey? A. He burps and looks for the next meal. (Maybe dessert, anyway)

Caruso-Olsen: The GM doesn't realize it yet, that his name is Mark, not Mike!

Russia-France: You will always be a consummate genius in my estimation, but this Caruso pushes blocks pretty good, doesn't he? (For a wimp) ... (Does anyone but me wonder who is playing when Italy does well?)

Naples-Warsaw: And so ends the saga of the consummate genius and his alleged invulnerability. When faced with superior ability, consummateness just folds up and dies.

London to Board: I'd like to call a vote for a Russian-Italian win. Let's keep this out in the open too, so that we can knock out anybody who votes to perpetuate this foregone conclusion.

Venice-London: Join us now? We can have a 3-way draw in 1 year.

Russia-GM: I pity the fool! I pity the fool! (Dear Mr. Olsen: you have found the fool and he are you!)

PAGE 12 asks DB to take 1" off
his page size next time

R/I-board: Killer wimp alert! (Don't alert the killer wimps. Let them sleep)
 Rome-Paris: Play Misty for me!
 Olsen-GM: I can't imagine why Sweeny was not interested in the Turkish position. It's at least as viable as Woody's... (But Woody's positions are considered disgusting by all but the most deviate, Bob.)
 Italy-France: I like your technique too!
 Bob-Woody: Goodbye Woody, you'll be sorely missed. But even the scars on the hamsters will heal in time.

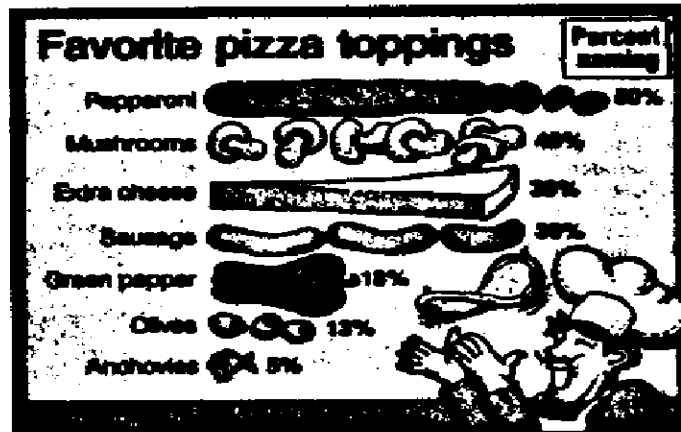
Killer Has Pizza For Final Meal

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — Murderer of Joseph Carl Shaw ordered pizza for his last meal yesterday and played Trivial Pursuit with family members before his scheduled execution this morning. Shaw, 29, a former altar boy who confessed to the 1977 murders of two Columbia teen-agers, was to die at 4 a.m. today, the first person executed in South Carolina in more than 22 years and the nation's 35th since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976.



USA SNAPSHOTS

A look at statistics that shape our lives



PAGE 13 takes pepperoni & extra cheese

KINGMAKER, TURN 3 - MENIES BEING SNATCHED UP

ORDER OF THE RAMPANT LION (Bray)

NEVILLE, GREY, GREYSTOKE, POLE
(Coventry)-Kenilworth(g)
GREY is Earl of Worcester

**SACRED ORDER OF THE MIRACULOUS
PANTY-HOSE (Mazzer)**

CROMWELL (Hereford(g))-w25-w24-w23-
w22-Cardigan
ROOS (Continent)-Calais(g)

WACKY WABBITS OF WONDERLAND (Gestiehr)

BOURCHIER (Coventry)-St. Albans-Oxford-
h21*
CLIFFORD (Coventry)-Kenilworth(g)

WHITE DUCHESS (Ozok)

HOLLAND and Le LUCAS (Ipswich)-
s27-s26-s24-s20-Pevensy

BOURCHIER is Admiral; Le MARGARET
remains in Lynn; Le CHRISTOPHER
in Southampton

RAMPANT ROYALISTS (Wilson)

PERCY (Continent)-Calais(g)
AUDLEY (m32)-Towton (g)
FITZALAN (York)-m32-m28-m23-m24-
Towton(g)

BAVARIAN INFILTRATION (Solomon)

MOWBRAY (Royston)-h25-h22-h21*

ALLIANCES: Order of the Rampant Lion/Wacky Wabbits of Wonderland;
Sacred Order of the Miraculous Panty-Hose/Rampant Royalists

COMBAT: Mowbray (100) meets Bouchier (90) at h21 (majority odds). Two
non-events to the BI; the attack is successful (PARLIAMENT MUST
BE SUMMONED/Herbert, Clifford, Pole) and Bouchier is a prisoner.
Roos (50) and Percy (100) want to siege Calais - but it takes
200.

NEVILLE (50), GREY (50), GREYSTOKE (10), POLE (60), and CLIFFORD
(30) siege Kenilworth. Siege is successful (PLAGUE COLCHESTER,
IPSWICH/Roos, Beaufort, Neville). It's finally been decided that
the WWW control Coventry (Clifford controls Margaret) and the
ORL control Kenilworth (Neville controls Edward of Lancaster).

Cromwell enters Cardigan for some sweaters, and gets George in
the deal.

TURN 3 CROWN CARD:

(plus all crown/event cards in hand)

TURN 4 EVENTS: SCOTS RAID (Audley to Bamburgh); PEASANT REVOLT; REVOLT IN
WALES; RELIGIOUS DIET in Salisbury (no effect; all bishoprics are
currently in Calais); non-events to Solomon and Wilson

Next turn's road phase is 4 - next turn's deadline is NOVEMBER 27.
(That's a WEDNESDAY, since Thursday is a holiday.) Here's the press:

SOMPE-WABBITS & LIARS: Alas, the tragic death of our Liege, King Henry,
has made my position in the alliance untenable. My medieval
mathematics tells me that 2 red roses cannot be divided between 3
allies. So I bid you farewell for now. Amicably, I trust.

HOLLAND (WD): "So Berkeley is dead. More enemies we have."

"My Lord, what shall we do?"

"White Duchess says sail, and so we shall sail. I think a safe
island would be just the thing."

"But my Lord Roos wants..."

"My ship? No, let him wait. Mowbray who killed Berkeley is at
our doorstep. We must flee. Set sail!"

RAMPANT ROYALISTS: The RR are, of course, not pleased at the Order of
the Rampant Lion's high-handed seizure of Coventry. But, seeing
how overwhelming force was concentrated against Lord Fitzalan's
small garrison, we bow to the obvious. Besides, reports indicate
Margaret is no prize. What a bitch!

YORK (RR): Royal coronation ceremonies here were suspended when His Most
Reverend Lord Percy, Archbishop of York, was called to meet with
the representative of the Pope, Bishop Woodius the Hamsterus,
at Calais.

PAGE 14 is a pretender to the throne

ORDER OF THE RAMPANT LION: The OEL, along with allies, completed the siege of Coventry assuring, at least temporarily, the survival of Margaret of Anjou. As expected, the Rampant Royalists seized Richard of York. Fortunately for all parties concerned, Lord Fitzalan did not show up at Coventry. Next the Rampant Lion and allies will descend on Kenilworth to protect young Edward. The order also announces the appointment of Lord Grey as Earl of Worcester. The Rampant Lion marches forth.

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DIPLOMACY 1984CI, SUMMER/FALL 1906....PUSH AND SHOVE

ENGLAND (Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854):

A HOL-Kia, F Swe-DEN, A STP-Lyn, F BAR-Sis(nc), F KTM-Hel,
F Pic-ENG, F BER-Kia

FRANCE (Jim Bjornsson, 7300 Boris Court #1, Rohnert Park, CA 94928)

A BER S A Boh-Mun, A Gas-BRE, A Boh-MUN, F Mac-IRI, F SPA(sc)-IRI,
F Was-TUN

GERMANY (Brad Wilson, Box 327, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045)

F KIE-Bar, A Mun S F Kia-Bar(d-retreat to Sil, OTS), A MMH S A Mun

ITALY (Mark Stegeman, 7 Banks Street #1, Cambridge, MA 02138)

F TEH C A Tun-Tus, F Rom-NAP, F Nap-ION, F Ion-EAS, A Tun-TUS,
A Tri-BMD, A TYO S FRENCH A Boh-Mun, A BUL-Con, F Gre-ABG

RUSSIA (Ken Heal, 8708 First Avenue #F-2, Silver Spring, MD 20910)

A Ukr-MOS, A LVN-Stu, A RUM S ITALIAN A Bul(ots), A Sev-ARM

TURKEY (Mike Ehli, Carson Box 63184, Univ. of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-6031)

A SBY H, F CON-Bul(ec)

1906 SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lxp, Bwy, Swe, Den, Kid, BER, HOL, STP - 9, build 2

FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Hel, MUN, TUN - 8, build 2

GERMANY: MMH, Mdr, Mdr, KIE - 1, remove 2 (on 1)

ITALY: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tri, Ser, Vie, Bud, Gre, Tnd, BUL - 2, even

RUSSIA: Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Sij, Mdr - 4, even

TURKEY: Con, Ank, Mdr, SBY - 3, build 1

Note the addresses; there are 2 COAs in there (France and Italy).

AUTUMN and WINTER 1906 and SPRING 1907 deadline is NOVEMBER 29.

DEADWOOD PLAYER-DEADWOOD GM: You are lucky, my boy, that I don't write. I mean, you didn't even give me anyone's address! Well, at least you gave mine, so I'll just sit tight and see if anyone beats a path at my door.

RUSSIA: Ah, with proximates and high school smear buddies abounding, how can I lose? Oh yea, I hadn't thought of that. Wake up, guys, only kidding!

GM: My high school only turns out World Series shortstops (#1 for KC), comedians (Robin Williams) and actors (Joe Spano of HILL STREET BLUES). Yours turns out dippers?

GER-FRA: Tsk, tsk. What language! But let's not get noble. You weren't exactly communicative in Mike Ehli's game, and that was because you had your automatic ally - White - in France. I don't exactly call that type of B.S. cool. Of course, White dropped. This game, it's clear E/Y is out to muck the board. I'm not dead, and I'm not an asshole. But, as Busker Bu says, you "make no sense at all".

F PIC (ENGLAND)-WORLD: Watch out, world, I moved! Now, didn't I have a hot date at a roadside cafe in Rome?

LONDON-MOSCOW: Why, the infamous Premier Peel! This is becoming a regular WAR(T)HOG shindig. Wrobell! Dancause! Byrnes! Muster up!

LONDON: Score last time: France-10; England-9: GM-L. Nobody else writes press anymore?

GM: Why don't you see the KINGMAKER section?

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